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Letter dated 31 January 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the "Special communiqué on the question of the Malvinas Islands" adopted at the twenty-second Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held in Cádiz, Spain, on 16 and 17 November 2012 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 45, concerning the question of the Malvinas Islands.

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Twenty-second Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government

Special communiqué on the "Question of the Malvinas Islands"

The Heads of State and Government of the Ibero-American countries, meeting in Cádiz, Spain, on the occasion of the twenty-second Ibero-American Summit,

Reaffirm the need for the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations as soon as possible, with a view to finding an early solution to the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, within the framework of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations and the Organization of American States and the provisions and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations, including the principle of territorial integrity. They also underscore the continual readiness to engage in dialogue demonstrated by the Argentine Republic.

With reference to the unilateral actions being taken by the United Kingdom for the exploration and exploitation of renewable and non-renewable resources in the disputed area, they recall that the international community, under United Nations General Assembly resolution 31/49, has called upon the two parties to refrain from taking decisions that would imply introducing unilateral modifications in the situation of the Malvinas Islands, as such decisions are in no way conducive to the attainment of a definitive solution to the territorial dispute.

They note that the reinforcement of the military presence in the disputed area, in violation of the aforementioned resolution 31/49, runs counter to the consistent policy of seeking a peaceful settlement to the territorial dispute between the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Consequently, they underscore the successive General Assembly resolutions urging the Secretary-General to use his good offices in order for negotiations to be resumed for the purpose of finding a peaceful solution to the above-mentioned dispute as soon as possible.